

TITLE: CRIB WITH HIDDEN HARDWARE**ABSTRACT**

A crib device is provided for raising and lowering the dropside of a slatted crib. The dropside is fitted with side rails attached to the outer slats. The side rails are channeled to receive a rod. The side rails fit within corner legs which are slotted to receive the side rails. The corner legs are also channeled to receive a rod. When the side rails are fitted within the corner legs, a slide rod is positioned through the respective channels. A latching mechanism is used to lock the dropside in place via a latching rod and latch rod recesses, which are located on the corner legs. When the latching mechanism is activated the dropside moves vertically along the slide rod with reduced risk of injury to both the user of the crib and the occupant of the crib as the outer slats block unwanted access to the slotted region of the corner legs.